core and British Malabar have not yet been brought under the control of the Court. The Court is taking necessary steps to bring them under their management.

(c) Yes.

(d) The proprietor has been asking for time for furnishing full particulars.

242. Mr. George Chakyamuri.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether any complaint has been received by the Court of Wards from the creditors of the estate of Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai regarding misbehaviours, concealment of properties and fraudulent transfers, etc., made by the ward, Mr. Sankaranainan Pillai ;

(b) if the answer is in the affirmative, whether the Court has made any searching enquiry in the matter;

(c) if any enquiry is made, the result of such enquiry;

(d) if no enquiry is made hitherto, whether they will be pleased to institute necessary enquiry now at least through responsible officers, in the interests of the numerous creditors ?

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—(a) Yes.

(b) Yes.

(c) The petition contained allegations against the proprietor and suggestions for the guidance of the Court. On enquiry, some of the allegations were found partially true, as e.g., the proprietor was assigning away or granting on lease to his dependents for inadequate consideration some of the items of property held by him outside the State and not taken charge of by the Court. As is stated in answer to question No. 241, the Court is taking steps to bring these properties under their management.

The Court was also able to understand the motive underlying the complaint and affirm their former view that, if, as the complainants desired, the proprietor and the minor are left to themselves, they would be preyed on and ruined and with that some of those who have claims on the estate.

(d) No answer is called for in view of the reply to (c) above.

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